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Note verbale dated 22 April 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (Vienna) presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in accordance with the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space,* article IV, paragraph 1, has the honour to transmit information concerning the N-STARb satellite, which was launched in February 1996 (see annex).

Furthermore, in accordance with the same Convention, article IV, paragraph 3, the Permanent Mission of Japan has the honour to inform the Secretary-General that the Space Flyer Unit that was launched in March 1995, as announced in document ST/SG/SER.E/299 of 26 January 1996, is no longer in Earth orbit.

*General Assembly resolution 3235 (XXIX), annex, of 12 November 1974.

Annex

REGISTRATION DATA FOR JAPANESE SPACE LAUNCHES*

Name of object launched:	**N-STARb**
Name of launching State:	Japan (France, United States of America)
Designation:	1996-007A
Date of launch:	5 February 1996 (0719 hours GMT)
Location of launch :	Kourou Space Center, French Guiana

Basic orbital parameters (as of 8 March 1996):

Nodal period:	1,436 minutes
Inclination:	0.05 degrees
Apogee:	35,799 kilometers
Perigee:	35,774 kilometers

Launch vehicle:	Ariane Rocket Flight 83 (Ariane-44P)
Launching organisation:	Arianespace
General function of space object:	Domestic telecommunications

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*The registration data are reproduced in the form in which they were received.